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Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

THE CLAIMS

Claims 13, 20 and 27 have been rewritten in independent form.

Clearly, no new matter has been added, and no new issues have been raised which require further consideration on the merits and/or a new search. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the claims be approved and entered under 37 CFR 1.116.

THE PRIOR ART REJECTION

Claims 10-30 were rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by newly cited USP 6,437,843 ("Maeda"). This rejection, however, is respectfully traversed.

According to the present invention as recited in amended independent claims 13, 20, and 27, a facsimile apparatus is provided which comprises, in particular, a storage section comprising a recipient-address area and an originator-address area. And as recited in the amended independent claims, when the other party of one of the facsimile communications performed by

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the facsimile apparatus is a recipient of the facsimile communication, the address of the other party is stored in the recipient-address area, and when the other party of one of the facsimile communications is an originator of the facsimile communication, the address of the other party is stored in the originator-address area.

The Examiner asserts on page 5 of the Office Action that Maeda shows a recipient-address area and an originator-address area in Fig. 3 thereof.

It is respectfully submitted, however, that Fig. 3 of Maeda merely shows the contents of a capability notification e-mail. That is, Fig. 3 of Maeda shows the contents of an e-mail which is transmitted from the receiving apparatus 2 in response to a request for capability information from the transmitting apparatus 1. And it is respectfully pointed out that line 5 of Fig. 3 of Maeda merely indicates the destination of the capability notification e-mail (column 4, line 54 of Maeda). That is, line 5 of Fig. 3 of Maeda indicates the email address of the transmitting facsimile apparatus that requested the capability information.

Accordingly, line 5 of Fig.3 of Maeda clearly does not correspond to a recipient-address area or an originator-address area of a storage section that stores addresses.

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And it is respectfully submitted that Maeda clearly does not disclose, teach or suggest a storage section that comprises a recipient-address area and an originator-address area, wherein when the other party of one of the facsimile communications is a recipient of the facsimile communication, the address of the other party is stored in the recipient-address area, and when the other party of one of the facsimile communications is an originator of the facsimile communication, the address of the other party is stored in the originator-address area, as recited in amended independent claims 13, 20 and 27.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 13, 20, and 27, as well as each of claims 14-16, 21-23 and 28-30 respectively depending therefrom, all clearly patentably distinguish over Maeda, under 35 USC 102 as well as under 35 USC 103.

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Entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

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If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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